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TOPIC Military Activity in the Eighth Gds Army Area

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

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1. Between 30 August and 8 September 1954, the Kindel troop training grounds was occupied as previously and no troops arrived or departed from the training grounds. At 0900 on 4 September, 12 T-34/85 tanks and 4 tanks of an undetermined type were seen on Highway No 84 en route to the training grounds. Tanks were seen. On 6 September, a unit, which had engaged in entrenching work in the Oesterbehringen-Grossbehringen area, had turned to Camp Kindel on trucks. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the training grounds.

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2. The temporary wooden buildings previously observed in the Hainaer Holz (forest) west of Haina were completely dismantled. They were allegedly shifted to the wooded area northwest of Grossbehringen. Twenty temporary wooden buildings, about 8 meters long and 4 meters wide, were erected south of Hainaer Holz. The buildings had no windows and were vacant. The Grossen-lupnitz-Bauernfeld-Bolleroda road was blocked, possibly because this area was attached to the training area as compensation for area relinquished near Haina.

3. Between 7 and 9 September, motor vehicles were seen between Eisenach and the Kindel troop training grounds.

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4. At 1700 on 2 September, a shipment of 17 flatcars with sideracks carrying 15 steel pontoons, timber and 1 boxcar carrying an escorting detail left the Naumburg railroad station toward Weissenfels.

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5. At 2300 on 3 September, the following shipments left the Erfurt railroad station toward Weissenfels: 8 boxcars each occupied by approximately 25 soldiers, 5 SS-type flatcars carrying 8 heavy AA guns and 2 searchlights, and 6 to 8 flatcars with sideracks carrying 10 to 12 trucks, 1 radio truck and equipment.

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Comment. The 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is confirmed in Camp Kindel until 9 September

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Other information from the division posts indicates that only in Weissenfels elements of the 170th Gds Mtz Reet and the 17th Gds Tank SP Reet remained at the post.

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According to other information, the 67th Engr Bn was stationed in the Hubertus Kaserne in Naumburg on 30 August and practiced on the Saale River between Naumburg and Weissenfels in the Schoenburg-Eulau area. It is undetermined that the shipment of equipment mentioned in paragraph 4 was connected with these exercises.

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Comment. The changes at the training area result from the construction of an airfield in Hainaer Holz.

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